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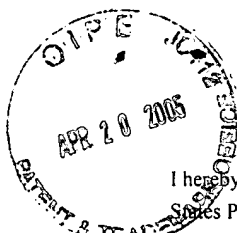
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Spears, Louis E. et al.

Application No.: 10/764,210

Filed: January 22, 2004

For: COMPUTER INPUT/OUTPUT  
CONNECTOR ASSEMBLY

Customer No.: 20350

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**RESPONSE TO  
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2005, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups under 35 USC § 121:

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| Group I  | Claims 1-16, drawn to a connector assembly incorporated into an electrical device/computer, classified in class 439, subclass 540.1  |
| Group II | Claims 17-21, drawn to a method of assembling an input or output connector port onto a computer, classified in class 29 subclass 842 |

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elects Group I, claims 1-16.

Appl. No. 10/764,310

Response dated April 18, 2005

Reply to Restriction Requirement of March 22, 2005

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (415) 576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guy W. Chambers", written in a cursive style.

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